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## PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW **APPLICATION UNDER MPEP §708.02, VIII**

SIR:

1. Petition Applicant hereby petitions to make the above-identified application special.

<u>Claims</u> All the claims in the above-identified case are believed to be directed to a single invention. If the Patent and Trademark Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, Application will make an

- election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.
- 3. A manual search has been conducted and directed to include Search 5 4 1 patents issued in class 705, subclasses 10 and 12, and an A.P.S. computer search was used to augment the manual searching. The results of the search, and other information that may be material of interest, are set forth in an enclosed PTO-1449 Form.
- Copy of References There is submitted herewith a copy of each reference or other document uncovered in the search so as to be deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims.

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- 5. <u>Detailed Discussion of the References</u> Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement including a detailed discussion of the references and other documents which particularly points out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over the references and documents.
- 6. <u>Fee</u> The Commissioner is authorized to withdraw the fee for this Petition, or any other fee required now or hereafter in the present case, from (or to credit any overpayment to) PTO Account No. 50-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

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